

providing a unitary elongated flexible member with a proximal end and a distal end and first, second, and third spaced apart electrode arrays secured around the periphery of said flexible member wherein said electrode arrays are arranged in a predetermined pattern;

positioning said elongated flexible member within the patient's heart;

A1 positioning said first electrode array within the superior vena cava, positioning said second electrode array within the right atrium, and positioning said third electrode array within the coronary sinus; and

applying electric shocks through said elongated flexible member in order to defibrillate the patient's heart.

Cancel Claim 10.

A2 11. (Amended) The method for facilitating intracardiac atrial defibrillation in a patient as claimed in Claim 9 wherein the step of positioning the electrode arrays includes positioning said first electrode array within the superior vena cava, positioning said second electrode array within the right atrium, and positioning said third electrode array within the right ventricle.

REMARKS

The Office Action of January 31, 2001 and the references cited therein have been carefully studied and, in view of the above changes and the following representations, reconsideration and allowance of this application are most respectfully requested.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Schulte et al. in view of Griffin '965. The Examiner states that Schulte et al.